

1 10A NCAC 13P .0210 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .0210 WATER AMBULANCE: WATERCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

4 To be permitted as a Water Ambulance, a watercraft shall meet the following requirements:

- 5 (1) The watercraft shall have a patient care area that:
- 6 (a) provides access to the head, torso, and lower extremities of the patient while providing
- 7 sufficient working space to render patient care;
- 8 (b) is covered to protect the patient and EMS personnel from the elements; and
- 9 (c) has an opening of sufficient size to permit the safe loading and unloading of a person
- 10 occupying a litter.
- 11 (2) The watercraft shall have on board patient care equipment and supplies as defined in the ~~treatment~~
- 12 ~~protocols for the system. Water ambulances used by EMS providers that are not required to have~~
- 13 ~~treatment protocols shall have patient care equipment and supplies as defined in the "North~~
- 14 ~~Carolina College of Emergency Physicians: Standards for Medical Oversight and Data~~
- 15 ~~Collection," incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.6, including subsequent~~
- 16 ~~amendments and editions. This document is available from the OEMS, 2707 Mail Service Center,~~
- 17 ~~Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2707, at no cost. The equipment and supplies shall be clean, in~~
- 18 ~~working order, and secured in the vehicle.~~
- 19 (3) Water ambulances shall have the name of the ~~ambulance provider~~ EMS Provider permanently
- 20 displayed on each side of the watercraft.
- 21 (4) Water ambulances shall have a 360-degree beacon warning light in addition to warning devices
- 22 required in Chapter 75A, Article 1, of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- 23 (5) Water ambulances shall be equipped with:
- 24 (a) two floatable rigid long backboards with proper accessories for securing infant, pediatric,
- 25 and adult patients and stabilization of the head and neck;
- 26 (b) one floatable litter with patient restraining straps and capable of being secured to the
- 27 watercraft;
- 28 (c) one fire extinguisher mounted in a quick release bracket that ~~shall either be~~ is either a dry
- 29 chemical or all-purpose type and ~~have~~ has a pressure gauge;
- 30 (d) lighted compass;
- 31 (e) radio navigational aids such as ADF (automatic directional finder), Satellite Global
- 32 Navigational System, navigational radar, or other comparable radio equipment suited for
- 33 water navigation;
- 34 (f) marine radio; and
- 35 (g) the availability of one pediatric restraint device to safely transport pediatric patients under
- 36 ~~20~~ 40 pounds in the patient compartment of the ambulance;

1           (6)     The water ambulance shall not have structural or functional defects that may adversely affect the  
2                    patient, the EMS personnel, or the safe operation of the watercraft.

3           (7)     Water ambulances shall have a copy of the EMS System patient care treatment protocols.  
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